



His Faithful Followers

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A Note from Pastor Todd

Forty years ago, the Wesleyan theologian Leonard Sweet observed that Disney had become the new secular religion in America. The mouse was quickly replacing



Jesus as the God of our ultimate concern. Lord, have mercy.

A few weeks ago, an otherwise innocuous tackle resulted in an interrupted cardiac rhythm, life resuscitating measures displayed real time on Monday Night Football, and an outpouring of thoughts and prayers for the outcome of Damar Hamlin. Buffalo has been through enough this season. A race inspired slaughter in a grocery store. A once in a century killer blizzard. And now, this.

A week or two later the New York Times led with an article titled [“Prayers for Damar Hamlin Show Bond Between Football and Faith”](#). The sub-title is “Christianity is embedded in NFL culture in a way that goes beyond most sports; ‘Lord, I need you, please be by my side.’” Move over Jesus, ... (insert the name of your favorite football star here) ... has come to save us, or, at least, to help us win a Super Bowl. Christ, have mercy.

February is the month of the Super Bowl. I join the chorus of those cheering for the Buffalo Bills to win it all.

It would be about time. (As I write this, it is uncertain if the Bills will overcome the Bengals this Sunday. Lord, have mercy.)

Players and coaches prepare all their lives for the championship game. Hard work, strict diets, fidelity to coaching, blood, sweat, tears, sacrifice. There are no short cuts, no excuses, no blaming the refs, just hard work. That is the work of champions.

In a similar way, consider your journey of faith. Are you preparing every day for your championship? Being cleansed of your sins and claiming salvation for your very own? When you and I take the field for our final game, we won't be joined by Josh Allen or Mickey Mouse. Put the spiritual work in today to ensure that, when the game of life is

on the line, our tried-and-true veteran companion is Jesus. Josh and Mickey can't save us, but Jesus can.

Visit Disney. Cheer for the Bills. Put in the hard spiritual work of Christian discipleship and keep Jesus your priority.

God loves you, and so do I-

Todd R. Goddard

Pastor Todd



Ash Wednesday

All are welcome to attend and participate in Ash Wednesday worship on Wednesday, February 22, signifying the beginning of Lent. It is a season to spiritually prepare ourselves for the passion and death of Jesus Christ.

We will begin at 6:30PM outside the church kitchen door. We will burn last year's dried palm branches, reducing them to ashes for use during worship.

Our service will begin at 7:00PM in the church sanctuary. Ashes will be imposed on the forehead of the willing, with the words “remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return” and Communion will be served.

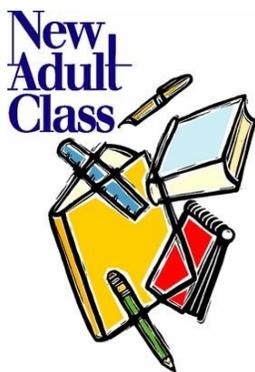


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Adult Sunday School Class Opportunity

A new adult Sunday morning group began in January, and everyone is welcome to join. We meet each week from 9:40am – 10:40am, currently in the church Fellowship Hall. Grab a cup of coffee or tea, a cookie, and check it out. Our goal is to create a support structure for each other that then prepares us to reach out to others. Bring a Bible, if you are able, as we are using the book of Acts as a springboard for our discussions. We look forward to seeing you!



Save the Dates!

Finger Lakes District Leadership Growth Week (formerly "District Training Days")

From Thursday evening, February 2 through Wednesday evening, February 8, 2023, the Finger Lakes District Leadership Team will be hosting workshops in the following areas of church life and discipleship via ZOOM.

Thursday, Feb 2, 6:30 -8:00 pm Trustees
(NO Workshop Friday, February 3)

Saturday Feb 4, 9:00 –12:00 noon Safe Sanctuaries Training

Saturday, Feb 4, 2:00-3:30 pm S/SPRC

Sunday, February 5, 2:00-3:30 pm Prayer Ministries

Monday, February 6, 6:30-8:00 pm Administrative Board, Church Council

Tuesday, February 7, 6:30-8:00 pm Keeping Christ in Outreach

Wednesday, February 8, 6:30-8:00 pm Starting Small Groups.

For those without internet access, there will be a host church in each cluster open to provide access to each of the Zoom sessions. The District Leadership Team hopes this will allow more people to attend the workshops they are interested in as there are no sessions scheduled for the same time block. RSVPs will be necessary to receive the ZOOM links for the particular workshops in which you wish to participate. More information will be forthcoming in January 2023, including more details about each workshop; but please mark these dates on your February 2023 calendars now.



Safe Sanctuary Trainings

Our children, youth, and vulnerable adults deserve to have people interested and invested in their care and instruction. We have opportunities for people to get involved. One of the requirements is a district Safe Sanctuary training. The initial requirement is a 3-hour training/discussion which can be done via zoom or in house (if there are at least 6 participants - schedule would be based on participants availability). The schedule for the upcoming district trainings are:

Saturday, February 4, 2023, 9am-12:30pm
(registration <https://uny-ss-basic-feb4.eventbrite.com>)

Saturday, May 6, 2023, 9am-12:30pm (registration <https://uny-ss-basic-may6.eventbrite.com>)

Saturday, August 5, 2023, 9am-12:30pm (registration <https://uny-ss-basic-aug5.eventbrite.com>)

Saturday, November 4, 2023, 9am-12:30am
(registration <https://uny-ss-basic-nov4.eventbrite.com>)

This is especially important to make sure all church opportunities for our kids and youth will be able to happen. If you can join our team in any fashion, please reach out and get involved. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

Alethea Coulter
Children's Ministry Director



Choir Update

What a blessing the Christmas Cantata was. The choir did such a beautiful job of leading us through the Christmas story. Now we are getting ready to rediscover the story and Passion of Jesus. Our Lenten Cantata will be held on Sunday, April 2. Rehearsals for the Cantata will be held on Sunday mornings at 9:55am -10:25am, beginning February 26 and Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm, beginning March 1. Even if you don't want to commit to every Sunday, consider joining us to sing in the Lenten Cantata. If you have questions, feel free to reach out to Kellianne Williams, cell (585) 507-1996 or email klkw1212@gmail.com.



Ladies' Lunch Bunch

The Ladies' Lunch Bunch is a time of fellowship for older women who are single, widowed, divorced, or separated. They meet the first Monday of each month, at 12:30pm, in the church Fellowship Hall. This month's luncheon is scheduled for Monday, February 6.

If you would like to join others for lunch this month, please let Barb Kingsley, or Cindy Gray know. If you would like to know more about this opportunity, please call Cindy Gray at 585-362-6206 or contact her at cgtgray1039@gmail.com.



Zululand Hospice Fundraiser

I have scheduled a fund-raiser for Zululand Hospice Association (ZHA) in the Community Room on Feb. 11, 10:00-2:00 and Feb. 12 8:00-1:00.



This is an opportunity to shop for you Valentine while supporting the work of ZHA. Their ability to provide for the needs of their community is at risk as one of their vehicles was totaled in a recent accident, no government support for hospice, most patients do not have insurance and the end of international funding now that HIV/AIDS does not

make the news. This scourge continues to have an impact in the Kwa-Zulul Natal largely due to gender inequality. Young women are especially at risk.

The 2nd Sunday meal will be a Chili Cook-off. Please join us to shop, eat and enjoy being together.

“Let’s also think about how to motivate each other to show love and to do good works. Don’t stop meeting together with other believers which some people have gotten into the E-habit of doing. Instead, encourage each other.” Hebrews 10:24, 25.



Erma Mae Perkins “Compassion flows from our becoming more aware of the human needs around us. Real awareness far exceeds the capacity of either information or rational analysis to effect lasting

inner change.” Trevor Hudson, A Mile in My Shoes

Second Sunday Brunch Volunteer opportunity

For many years, we have enjoyed this tradition of food and fellowship following the second service. Our crew is in need of 1 to 3 new sets of hands to continue this ministry. If you can boil water and enjoy the antics of kitchen amateurs, please consider joining us one Sunday morning every month to prepare and serve a meal to our Church community. Food, fun, and fellowship. You can't beat that combination. Contact Don 533-2460 or Jay 624-2436.



Chili Cook-off and Second Sunday Church Family Fellowship Brunch

Our Second Sunday Family Fellowship Lunch is resuming on February 12 and it is the Chili Cook-off. Bring your best chili and compete to be the Chili Champion. Get your crock pot, Dutch oven, or whatever you have to cook it in ready! They’ll be plenty of power outlets available. If you don’t have a chili or are not a fan of chili, come anyway, there will be other food items available. Join us for this time of fellowship.

Please bring a large batch of your chili. Last year we had good attendance and ran out of chili!

This is a time for fellowship and a meal. Meet families that usually attend the opposite service from you. Get to know other families better. Enjoy a meal without having to fix it yourself!

The suggested minimum donation to eat that day is \$2, because all of the proceeds will be divided between Youth activities and Musa weNkosi Orphanage. See you February 12!



This 7-quart cast iron Dutch Oven will go to the "chili cook of the year".

Winter Wednesday Community Family Supper - Mardi Gras Event!

Mark your calendars, and plan to join us in the church Fellowship Hall for a Mardi Gras celebration! Mardi Gras is French for “Fat Tuesday” and reflects the practice of eating rich, fatty foods before the beginning of Lent. It is traditionally known as Pancake Day. We are going to celebrate Mardi Gras this year on Tuesday, Feb. 21, which is the day before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent – and we are going to do it by eating pancakes and playing games. Our Mardi Gras event will begin at 5:30pm and everyone is welcome.

Pancakes, sausage, fruit, beverages, and dessert and all the tableware will be provided. Just bring your appetites and *Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler* (let the good times roll)!



"Guess Who" Game Winner - New Contest for February!

Congratulations to Cindy and Danielle Raymond! They tied in the number of correct responses to last month's Guess Who Contest. Thank you to everyone who participated in the activity, and I hope you all had fun trying to match the baby pictures to the names. Cindy and Danielle received a "brain teaser" puzzle and Guess Who game to continue to challenge them at home.



How Many Baptisms?



We have a new contest event for the month of February. The current Rush Church building was dedicated in March 1996. The first baptism in the new building was held on that day. This month's contest is to guess how many baptisms have been performed in this building, from March 1996 – January 2023. The winner, the person with the closest number to the actual count, will be announced at the beginning of March as we begin our 27th year of ministry at this location. A box to receive your contest entry will be set up on the kiosk in the church lobby, beginning Feb. 5. Questions? See Cindy Gray.

Family Picture Wall

Our church directory is in need of updating (if you are interested in helping make this happen, please contact Barb Kingsley). In the meantime, we are looking for ways to help people get to know each other better. The "new" adult Sunday School class that meets in the dining room was talking about this problem, and we came up with an idea. There is a large bulletin board on the wall in the Fellowship Hall. It is crying out for a way to make it look more welcoming. We are asking each family (whether your family is 10 people or 1), to submit a picture of your family group and bring it in to the church office, or give it to Cindy Gray or Cindy Raymond. We are going to create a church family wall on the bulletin board, to help both new and old church members learn each other's names and to see those people we may not see often (or haven't seen in a while). The pictures do not have to be formal, or professional. We welcome selfies and fun family pictures – as long as the people in them are identifiable! If you would like someone to take a snapshot of your family, contact Cindy Gray (cgtgray1039@gmail.com or 585-334-0110,) and we can make that happen. If possible, we'd like to have the pictures up by the end of February. We look forward to seeing you on our church wall.



A Way Forward Update

Thank you to Pastor Todd for arranging the programming for our "A Way Forward" Sunday evening dinners and educational time. These dinners came out of a Ministry Action Plan, brought to our leadership team, to offer opportunities for the church community to come together and learn more about what it means to be "Methodist" and how that translates as the church faces decisions about inclusion within the United Methodist Church.

To those of you who attended, thank you for your insight and for taking the opportunity to learn more about our Methodist roots and how that influences different thoughts and opinions today. These dinners were a good opportunity to be in community together, to hear different ideas and opinions, and for us to gain a better understanding of a path forward for the Rush United Methodist Church. The consensus seems to be, that, though we may have some difference of beliefs, there is no benefit to divide the congregation. So, for now we will wait, pray, be in community together and see where God leads us. I believe God has great plans for this community of faith. Thank you for walking this road with me.

If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to me, Kellianne Williams, at klkw1212@gmail.com.



PromiseLand update

PromiseLand is looking to hire a full-time Preschool teacher. Qualifications for this position include a degree in ECE or a CDA as well as experience working with children ages 3-5 in a preschool setting.



Hiring a Preschool Teacher

More information can be found by emailing

promiselandchildcare1996@gmail.com

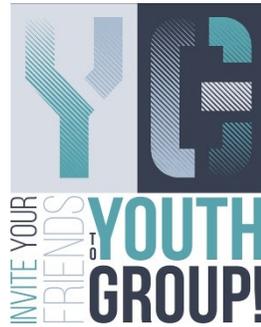
Put it in your calendar! The PromiseLand golf tournament is scheduled for Sunday, July 30 at Wildwood Country Club. More details for foursomes will be coming. If you are interested in being a sponsor or donating raffle prizes, please reach out to Kellianne Williams at PromiseLandchildcare1996@gmail.com.



Youth Group News

The Rush Youth meet twice a month on Wednesday nights, 6-7:45pm. Generally, we have a dinner and/or snack, a time of fellowship and games, and a study or spiritual discussion. For February, I asked the youth for topics that were of concern or interest to them and those will be our focus. If you know of a youth that would be interested in joining the group, please let me know or have them contact me. Suggested age would be 6th grade and up. The kids enjoy the opportunity to be together in a safe and fun environment and we welcome anyone interested in joining.

Alethea Coulter
Interim Youth Director



Board of Trustees: Capital Projects Update

Thanks to the generosity of the Rush Church congregation, more than \$80,000.00 has been received so far towards the Capital Stewardship Fund. This allows the Board of Trustees to move forward with some of the projects that were approved at the Church Charge Conference. After much discussion, it was determined that the issue of drainage on the West side of the building was of primary concern. The trustees are working with local experts to determine the best course of action, then work will begin. In addition, materials are being purchased so the chairs in the Sanctuary can be re-upholstered. Jim and Nancy Miller have offered to do the work (Thank you!). We would welcome volunteers to help with removing the old fabric and staples, as that is a big part of the job. If you would like to help, please let Cindy Gray know. If several people step forward, we can schedule a work-time at the church.

A number of people have expressed concern with the appearance of the carpet in the church lobby, and that is on the list of projects to pursue.

When enough money has been received that will be the next project on the list!

If you are interested in learning more about what we are doing, please contact Cindy Gray at cgtgray1039@gmail.com. Our February meeting is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 6, at 7:00pm at the church.



Mitten Tree

Thank you for your support of the Rush UMC Mitten Tree. Collected were 10 scarves, 40 hats and 60 pair of mittens and gloves. These will help keep those in need, locally and abroad, warm this winter. Without you, it wouldn't happen!



Mission and Outreach

“The birth of Christ in our souls is for a purpose beyond ourselves: it is because his manifestation in the world must be through us. Every Christian is, as it were, part of the dust-laden air which shall radiate the glowing epiphany of God, catch and reflect his golden light. *Ye are the light of the world* – but only because you are enkindled, made radiant by the one light of the world. And being kindled, we have got to get on with it, be useful. As Christ said in one of his ironical flashes, “Do not light a candle in order to stick it under the bed!” EVELYN UNDERHILL

The phrase that “jumped out” at me as I read this is “Be useful.” What do we need to add to our “to do list” to accomplish this? For some it is not hard. I think of Alethea, Angie, the Dalton’s and Kellianne sharing God’s love with children, Michelle Cuatt and others caring for grandchildren. Pastors, caregivers for frail parents, those working in the medical field have opportunity to provide their “saving work,” throughout their days.

A number of years ago, I read an obituary of a man I knew of because he advocated for the maintenance and preservation of the Charlotte lighthouse. I thought, “I know where his memorial donations will be designated.”

In his book, *Our Greatest Gift*, Henri Nouwen writes, “How can I live so that I can continue to be fruitful when I am no longer here among my family and friends?”

May this be a resolution, a prayer – that we are enkindled, useful, so radiant that our lives continue to bear fruit after our death and people will know who or what we want to be supported by contributions given in our memory.



Erma Mae Perkins,
Lay Leader, Mission and Outreach,
ermaperkins@me.com

What to Do In Bad Weather?

The weekday winter weather closing policy of Rush United Methodist Church is: if Rush Henrietta Schools have closed for the day or close during the day because of inclement weather, all activities at Rush UMC will be cancelled. A message will be on the church’s voice mail, website and Facebook page and an email will go out on Rush Tidings.

Sunday services will be held unless Monroe County declares a state of emergency or Pastor Todd cannot get to the church. Again, the message will be on the church’s voice mail, website and Facebook page and an email will go out on Rush Tidings.

If in doubt and travel seems risky – stay home!



*Rush United Methodist Church
Analysis of Revenues & Expenses*

December 2022

| Accounts | MTD Actual (This Year) | YTD Actual (This Year) | YTD Budget (This Year) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Revenues | | | |
| Other Income | \$5,491.91 | \$21,258.57 | \$49,038.00 |
| Offerings | \$28,939.67 | \$240,925.26 | \$237,532.00 |
| (2) Carry Over from 2021 | \$2,524.00 | \$30,288.00 | \$30,288.00 |
| P/L Expense Reimbursement | \$1,019.37 | \$11,525.53 | \$11,480.00 |
| Total Revenues | \$37,973.95 | \$303,997.36 | \$328,338.00 |
| Expenses | | | |
| Board of Trustees | \$3,072.34 | \$37,222.99 | \$44,293.00 |
| Education | \$113.82 | \$1,257.04 | \$1,825.00 |
| Insurance | \$2,332.00 | \$11,649.87 | \$12,424.00 |
| (1) Mission | \$8,232.50 | \$22,824.00 | \$16,418.00 |
| Office Expenses | \$1,093.36 | \$12,087.51 | \$11,650.00 |
| Clergy - Salary | \$6,655.56 | \$57,681.52 | \$59,900.00 |
| Lay – Salaries | \$8,646.52 | \$75,554.61 | \$70,180.00 |
| Clergy Benefits | \$4,542.96 | \$42,789.23 | \$44,160.00 |
| Ministry Team Expenses | \$0.00 | \$2,528.41 | \$5,200.00 |
| Other Program Expenses | \$140.83 | \$1,325.24 | \$5,800.00 |
| Utilities | \$1,582.92 | \$21,976.26 | \$25,200.00 |
| PromiseLand | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$36,412.81 | \$286,896.6 | 297,050.00 |
| Net Total | \$1,561.14 | \$17,100.68 | \$31,288.00 |

1. Shared Ministries 50% paid in 2022
2. Carry Over from 2021 Donations and PPP Grant



Roof Replacement Loan Repayment

| | Date Paid | Amount Paid | Balance |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Opening Balance | | | \$37,685.36 |
| Interest at 3.25% | | | \$1,224.77 |
| Loan plus Interest | | | \$38,910.14 |
| Payment #25 | 01/20/2023 | \$249.42 | \$38,660.72 |
| Payment #26 | 02/15/2023 | | |
| Payment #27 | 03/11/2023 | | |
| Payment #28 | 04/28/2023 | | |
| Payment #29 | 05/10/2023 | | |
| Payment #30 | 06/16/2023 | | |
| Payment #31 | 07/15/2023 | | |
| Payment #32 | 08/15/2023 | | |
| Payment #33 | 09/15/2023 | | |
| Payment #34 | 10/15/2023 | | |
| Payment #35 | 11/15/2023 | | |
| Payment #36 | 12/15/2023 | | |
| Year End Payment from additional donations | 12/30/2023 | | |
| | Total Paid | \$249.42 | |



Capital Stewardship Campaign Update

As of Wednesday, January 25, we have received \$267,200.00 or 53.44% in pledges towards our \$500,000.00 goal. Of the amount pledged, we have received \$83,751.51 of which \$3,690.38 has been spent on fabric to reupholster the sanctuary chairs. Pledges continue to be accepted. Even if you haven't made a pledge, donations to the Capital Stewardship Campaign are gratefully accepted.



Enjoy the Convenience and Greener Approach of Electronic Giving

Rush United Methodist Church wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly or monthly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

Credit & Debit Card Giving lets you make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card.

Giving online is fast, easy and secure. Never worry about bringing your checkbook or cash again – you can set up recurring payments, so your donations continue even when you forget. 1. Visit our website at www.rushumc.com. 2. Locate the Give Online button. 3. Donate! To learn more about giving online, visit our website or contact the church office. You can also change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your

online donation history. This is made possible through VANCO Payment Services.

A less frequently discussed benefit of electronic giving is its positive impact on the environment. An enormous amount of natural resources are consumed in the production, transportation, processing and disposal of paper checks. That's why paying bills electronically always ranks high on any list of actions an individual can take to improve the environment. The trend toward electronic payments has already produced more than a 50% decline in check use since the year 2000.

As you consider the payment method you use to make your regular offering, we hope that you will think about the unique connection between financial stewardship and environmental stewardship, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office.



January Wednesday Community Family Night Supper



Thank You

Thank You

Thank you for the lovely bag of cookies. What a nice surprise.

Louise Harris



Christmas Gifts - Industry

On behalf of the staff and residents at the State School at Industry, we wish to thank you for your generous gifts provided the boys at Christmas. For some of the boys, this is the first Christmas away from family.

Each boy received a Christmas bag which included a game, jig saw puzzle, calendar, and a wide variety of hygiene products. (toothpaste, toothbrush, body wash, etc.)

This holiday was especially stressful for the staff, as the population increased from 35 - 76 boys in a short period to time. Through your generosity each boy was able to receive a gift.

Blessings to all,

Richard Nereau,
Advisory Board Member
State School at Industry



St. Pauly Textile, Inc Thank You

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! We're excited to share with you the impact your clothing shed made over the last year...

-41,085 pounds of clothing were donated to your shed in 2022

-This was enough to clothe an estimated 7,568 people all over the world

-Based on this volume of clothing, your organization received \$1,643.38

Thank you so much for everything you, your volunteers, and your communities do to support the clothing shed program!

Sincerely,

The Team at St. Pauly Textile, Inc.



OUR MISSION, VISION and



PRIORITY STATEMENTS

The mission of the Rush United Methodist Church is "to live and share the love of Jesus."

Our vision is "to be more like Jesus."

Our missional priorities are "excellence in worship; ministries for children, youth, adults and families; and mission and outreach"

FISH/RHAFT Thank You

Dear Pastor Goddard and Rush United Methodist Church congregation,

Thank you for the generous donation of \$990.00 to FISH/RHAFT, Inc. Your donation comes at a time when we are feeding families who are struggling financially and are requesting food assistance from the food cupboard. Your help is greatly appreciated, and we are blessed to have you as a partner.

We wish you the best in the coming year.

Sincerely, Joanne DiSano
FISH/RHAFT Financial Secretary



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Bereavement

Dora Lee Alexander and her family, sudden death of her 53 year old niece, Stacy
Mary Callerame and family, her husband, August, passed away last week
Family and friends of Joan O'Mara
Those who lost loved ones in the Buffalo storms in December



Praises

Jean Banker continues to recover at home
Louise Harris is home recovering
Leyan Walthour, home and doing much better, thank you all for your thoughts and prayers
Damar Hamlin's remarkable recovery, continued prayers for a complete recovery
Praises for the very fine service celebrating Joan O'Mara's passing; we will miss her
February Birthdays and Anniversaries



Prayer Concerns

Walt and Jean Banker, both had Covid
Walt Banker is continuing rehab at The Brightonian
Crescent Beebe, health concerns
Saoirse Gilroy, recovery from hot water burns and skin grafts
Penny Schultheis' son-in-law is in ICU
Diane Van Lare, foot surgery
Patty Weaver, taken to hospital with heart issues
Steve and Kellianne Williams and family, Steve's grandma, Harriet Gearhart, is entering her last days
Areas around Buffalo that continue to struggle from the effects of the December storms
Those affected by the storms across the United States
Friends and members to return to in person worship at Rush UMC
Those struggling with addiction and alcoholism
Cold, snow, and storms across the country and world
Families and friends of those affected by gun violence
Positions open for hiring: Youth Leader, PromiseLand
Childcare Teacher
Servant Leadership Position: Church Directory
Coordinator
People of Ukraine
PromiseLand Childcare
School Districts, Parents and Students
Peace to come to our troubled land
Government Leaders
For justice and health care to be deployed equally and evenly among all people
End to racism and inequality
Musa weNkosi Orphanage in South Africa
Zululand Hospice in South Africa
Our Bishop and Clergy and Lay leaders
Hospice Houses near and far
RHAFT and FISH
A Meal & More Soup Kitchen and homeless served by them
Staff and Young Men at State School at Industry
Young people, children and youth lacking social interactions
Hospital and Nursing Home Staff – stay healthy and strong to tend to the needs of patients and residents
Help us all to remember that in these times as always Jesus is with us, we're not alone
For those who suffer in silence, please be with them and bless them with strength
Prayers for our youth to find themselves and God in the process
Families affected by Alzheimer's, cancer and other terminal illnesses
Keep remembering the school kids and help find solutions to the violence
Parents of New Drivers
Small Businesses
Those looking for employment
Super Sales now and future
Our children, youth and church family
For all marriages and families
Elderly parents, youth, teens, young adults, those suffering from chronic pain, mental health problems and depression
Our homebound and ill
Violence in places of Worship
Those who life has changed: death of loved one,

relationships broken, families separated; give them love, courage and strength
Church worldwide is under attack; help God save your people
Campus Ministries
The United Methodist Church
All Volunteers who go on Missions
UMCOR
Refugee resettlement project and resettlement families
Haiti and Government leaders; root out corruption, bring about justice, lessen poverty
Justice to flow down like water in the US, Syria, South Sudan, Middle East
Victims of terrorism and survivors of world violence
Injustice in the USA
City of Rochester
RCSD and Board
International Students
Members in Military, especially those in Kuwait
Those who are incarcerated
People with disabilities, anxiety disorders, depression, addictions
For people to get along and not be so divided in America!!
Colleges around the country

Those among our family who are homebound or in senior living facilities:

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| Ruth Baldoni | Jean & Walt Banker |
| Don & Gayle Barrett | Mary Anne Brice |
| Trudy Corio | Craig Crowell |
| John & Mary Ann David | Buzz and Joan Grimm |
| Ernie Harrington | Louise Harris |
| Jim Hughes | Kevin & Meg Kinnally |
| Bessie Luft | Hubert Koloseike |
| David Phillips | Durwood Raplee |
| Gisela Rice | Dave Smith |
| Betty Stover | |

Members of our armed forces and reserves, especially those associated with our church family:

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| Phillip Banker | Jason Bello |
| Ryan Blood | Ben Frederick |
| Michael Kurvach | Steven Kurvach |
| Jason McKnight | Isaiah Montana |
| James Rice | Sgt. Joseph Sarmiento |
| Bryan Simpson | Matthew Simpson |
| Marcus Sydow | |

Please help the church staff keep the prayer list current by informing us of any changes.

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Sunday Worship and Programs

- 8:00AM Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30AM In-Person Traditional Worship Service
also on YouTube and Facebook
- 9:40AM Book of Acts Class and Small Group
Study
- 9:45AM Bible Study with Michelle Prok
- 10:45AM In-Person Contemporary Worship
Service also on YouTube and Facebook
- 11:00AM One Room Sunday School Class
- 12:00PM Rush UMC Coffee Time



**Sunday
Schedule**

Leadership Ministry Team

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome by email to toddgoddard@gmail.com or rushumc@rochester.rr.com or to any of the Leadership Ministry Team, contact information on page 8. The next Leadership Ministry Team Meeting is Saturday, March 11 at 8:30AM.

How to Reach Us



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- Ministers: Every Member of the Congregation
- Pastor:..... Rev. Todd Goddard
- Administrative Assistant: Barbara Kingsley
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- Direct of Youth Ministries: Alethea Coulter
- Director of PromiseLand Childcare: Kellianne Williams
- Chancel Choir Director: Kellianne Williams
- Accompanist:..... Spencer Haynes
- Lay Leaders: Worship: Steve Williams
- Children, Youth and Families: Tanya Hunt
- Mission and Outreach: Erma Perkins
- Leadership Team: Erin Bills, Geoffrey Furman,
 Todd Goddard, Cindy Gray, Dan Kingsley,
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